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Going once, going twice . . . auction on Oct. 25

Saginaw Habitat is hosting its Second Annual Fundraising Auction on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Germania Town and Country Club, at the southern foot of Wheeler St.

Time: 5:30 p.m. "fantastic hearty" hors d'oeuvres; 6:30 p.m. live auction as well as a silent auction.

Tickets: \$25 per person, which includes one drink ticket.

On the auction block: Saginaw Habitat Office Co-coordinator Sharon Block says "we are just getting started" on gathering items. But secured so far are:

▶ Four rounds of 18-hole golf, with a cart, at Twin Oaks Golf Course.

▶ Two tickets to the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra concert of the buyer's choice.

▶ One night in a king parlor suite at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel.

▶ A Dept. 56 New England Village mountain view cabin (discontinued) collectible from Bronner's in Frankenth.

▶ Tickets to the Children's Zoo at



Debra Zibble and Dale LaChance chat during last year's auction.

Celebration Square in Saginaw.

▶ A four-night stay at a condo in Keystone, Colo.

"We need to do some fundraising to support our school builds," says Habitat executive director Paul Warriner.

"Habitat buys the construction materials for these builds, and that was fine

in the past. But with housing costs soaring we have to rethink way to fund what is a valuable partnership with the schools."

Last year's inaugural auction evening raised \$11,000.

Reservations are due by Friday, Oct. 20. Call 753-5200.

Doctors to help on one of four fall builds

▶ **House #137:** at 3280 Bluebird in Bridgeport Township.

Family: LaShawnya Sample and her son DAndre, 15, and daughter Jameya, 7. LaShawnya works in the hair salon at J.C. Penney.

Builders: Hemlock Semiconductor Corp. and Dow Corning Corp.

▶ **House #138:** at 1725 Ribble in Buena Vista Township.

Family: Joseph and Angienell Green and their three children: Angienell III, 3; Joy, 2, and Joseph, 3 months. Joseph worked for Wolverine Human Services and recently began at Delphi; Angienell recently received

a college degree in the medical field.

Builders: Delta College and members of the Saginaw County Medical Society.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, nearly 20 medical society members, mostly doctors, are scheduled to help raise the walls Delta built and nail them in place as well as work on window frames alongside the 20 Delta building trades students. Earlier the doctors helped build the shed on site.

The Saginaw County Medical Society raised \$30,000 to help build the house in the first school/medical society partnership.

▶ **House #139:** at 1822 Burnham in the city of Saginaw

Family: Tiffany Hatfield, who works at the HealthSource Care Center and recently received a college degree in the medical field. Her sons are Ivory'll, 7, and Andrew, 2.

Builders: Saginaw Career Complex.

▶ **House #140:** 428 Mapleridge in Carrollton Township.

Family: Elizabeth Parker, who is a caregiver at the Community Village Retirement Home.

Builders: Carrollton High School.

In memoriam...

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- ▶ Mary Ann Shabluk's 90th birthday
- ▶ Gregg Lange
- ▶ Rev. and Mrs. James Smith
- ▶ Son Matt Hanley's birthday
- ▶ Charlie Wargel's 70th birthday
- ▶ Robert and Marilyn DuCharme's 50th anniversary
- ▶ Bob Grindahl's 75th birthday

IN MEMORY OF ...

- ▶ Mary Sheaffer
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A busy fall has begun

After the excitement of the summer blitz, we are entering fall. Football, apple pie, the World Series (Go Detroit) and school builds. School builds are a great opportunity for students to get hands-on construction experience

that they really can't get anywhere else. Carrollton High School, Saginaw Ca-

reer Complex and Delta college will be building with Saginaw Habitat again this year.

The auction in October is being held to benefit the school builds. The costs of building materials have increased dramatically over the past 5 years, and we need to do more fundraising to continue these builds. Please consider a contribution to Habitat so the progress can continue. Also, please note that in addition to cash contributions, the ReStore will accept used construction materials for resale. And, be aware, that we have lots of cabinets for sale in the ReStore.

We are happy to announce a new sponsor: Saginaw County Medical Society has contributed over \$30,000 to the house on Ribble Street. This is just what the doctor ordered. We have

almost twenty doctors who will be giving up their time to volunteer to help build a house for the Green Family. It should be quite an operation. Delta College will work on the house during the fall and winter, with completion scheduled in the spring.

Paul Warriner
Executive Director
Saginaw Habitat

Hemlock Semiconductor Corp. and Dow Corning are partnering to build a house on

Bluebird in Bridgeport. This will be HSC's second house, the first for Dow Corning. The construction of this house will mark the first time Saginaw Habitat has built a garage.

We are doing so not because we wanted to deviate from our principles, but because the neighborhood association covenants required a garage or carport. I fully expect this to be the one and only garage that Saginaw Habitat builds.

I regret to announce that Ron Chaltraw has left the Affiliate to pursue an opportunity in Louisiana. Ron was an exceptionally hard and thorough worker. He was dedicated to Habitat and, in fact, his new job is with Habitat. His knowledge and skills will prove invaluable there. He will be missed here.

At \$327,486 and counting . . .

The capital campaign continues for the \$593,025 needed to pay for and maintain Saginaw Habitat for Humanity's new home at 315 W. Holland.

Jim Doane, in charge of securing those moneys, reports \$327,486 raised so far—in a campaign that does not in any way detract from funding needed to build Habitat homes in Saginaw County.

"The deadline was two months ago," Doane quips of his work, "but we'll keep at it until we get all of it, which I project will happen past the end of the year.

"We have applications out to some corporations for their help and we are working on some new ones. And both the staff and board will host some sort

of fundraising events." The word is a certain former radio guy-become-Habitat staffer named Cameron Brady might go up on the roof of the building and stay there until a set amount is raised (an old radio show trick).

"We hatched the idea when we were sitting up there watching the (July 4th) fireworks," says Doane. "It would be a combination fundraiser for us and for the fireworks." Contributing to the purchase of the building this far, says Doane, are the Wickes Foundation, trusts administered by Citizens Bank, the Morley Foundation, the Saginaw Community Foundation, the Dow Corning Foundation, the Wolohan Family Foundation and the Frank Andersen Foundation.

A brighter future for Saginaw Habitat

As one looks back to see how far we have come as an affiliate, one cannot help being proud of the achievements. We have been improving the quality of life in the Saginaw County area by building decent and affordable homes for those who may not be able to acquire a home in the most conventional way.

Only because we have such dedicated sponsors and volunteers we have been able to achieve this goal.

Because we were busy building homes, for a long time we never considered that we also needed a home of our own. With the opening of the ReStore on South Michigan Avenue we found that we were operating two facilities with staff and with great efforts. Our board of directors felt we needed to bring all staff under one roof. Our board cannot commend our staff enough in their efforts in making the move from South Jefferson Avenue and South Michigan into one at West Holland Avenue. Through our staff and volunteers we were able to realize this.

The future looks good. James Doane, our Capital Campaign chairperson, has led the way and we have received and been pledged more than one-half of what we need to secure our new building. The board went on record voting that any money donated

for home building would not be used to pay for our new building. We are still in our capital campaign and we are still seeking donations and grants for this effort.

Our board members are committed to this and we are making personal commitments ourselves. We expect 100% participation from all of our board members. The location on West

Mary Stephens
President
Saginaw Habitat

Holland is in an area where we are going to be able to have increased visibility and be able to serve the entire area in a broader capacity.

I know we are going through a low financial period, but people still need decent homes to raise their families and be productive citizens in the community. With the additional space we have now in the new building, we have room to conduct more intense educational classes. We are looking more than ever for volunteer expertise in budgeting, setting goals, as well as home management. We have always had classes that are required but now we hope to be able to expand on these for a longer period of time.

Our Family Selection committee

does a fantastic job in seeing that our families meet their required hours in this area. We are at a time when we must rethink the way we help our partner families. In the future we need to spend a longer period of time in educating our families on money management, prioritizing what we need verses what we want.

We do not want our volunteers to build homes only to have families lose them because of financial conditions. This is a real problem that we are facing at this time. Foreclosure is not just a problem that we are dealing with but financial institutions all over are facing the same.

Because we are a ministry and our beliefs are just a little different, we have faith that we shall be able to continue in the future with our home building. I say home building because unlike anyone else we build homes for families and not as houses to sell.

Proverbs 24:3 says "Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established." We realized only by divine intervention through our sponsors and volunteers are we able to make this happen.

Even in these days we are still hopeful and blessed to have the gifts of great sponsors and volunteers, and because of that, our partner families are also blessed.

Yes, we sell no appliances

In the spirit of community partnership, Saginaw Habitat for Humanity has elected not to sell donated appliances and furniture in its ReStore—which would have been a sure source of revenue.

Most of the more than 120 Habitat ReStores nationally, including in Michigan, do so. For some it represents more than half their incomes.

However, all donations of appliances and furniture received at Saginaw's ReStore are designated to the Saginaw County ReDistribution Program—a collaboration among members of the Saginaw County Consortium of Homeless Assistance Providers.

Donations of appliances and furniture are given away to near-homeless and formerly homeless families.

Part of our mission is to provide the opportunity for housing while working with the entire community.

Welcome to the Habitat family ...

Two new families have moved into Saginaw Habitat homes owned by partner families who moved out.

▶ Jill Inman, a teacher with Saginaw's Head Start, moved in at 2003 Lynn with son Donovan, 7.

▶ Loria Hatcher, who works as a cook at DaVinci Italian Restaurant in Frankenmuth and caregiver at Elder Housing in Frankenmuth, moved in at 1505 Brown. Her son is DaVante, 10.

So you want to become a homebuyer?

Two hour-long informative sessions are planned in October.

▶ 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Trinity Center, 9th and Cherry.

▶ 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Green House Gathering Place, on Emerson near Howard.

Habitat representatives will discuss what it means to become a Habitat homebuyer and then those who are interested will be helped in filling out an application.

Ronald Chaltraw heads south

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity has bid farewell to its Construction Manager, Ronald J. Chaltraw, who has departed to assist Habitat for Humanity in Lafayette, La.

Chaltraw worked for Habitat twice in Saginaw—from 2000 to 2003 and re-joining in 2005.

“Ron’s impact on decent, affordable housing in Saginaw will be seen for many years to come,” said executive director Paul Warriner. “His attention to detail and commitment to service are unquestioned. We wish Ron the very best in his new endeavors.”

Construction volunteer Jim Frost reflected on Ron’s service.

“I remember Ron coming to Habitat in 2000, says Frost. “We were remodeling a house on Fairview. As the new construction manager, Ron quickly gained the admiration and respect of both contracted and volunteer workers with his patience and true professionalism.



Ronald J. Chaltraw

“When you are working with around 1,200 volunteers during a building Blitz, you need to keep a cool head because many volunteers are novices with minimum training for the skills necessary to complete such a large project.

“Ron has the ability to motivate, co-

ordinate, and successfully train volunteers in a short period of time. His managerial and people skills will be dearly missed in Saginaw because the housing needs are still at a critical level here.”

In his new position as construction manager for Habitat in Lafayette, La., he will be building houses for a city that has doubled in size due to displaced families relocating from the ravaged city of New Orleans devastated by hurricane Katrina.

Warriner says the position will remain vacant “for awhile to keep our affiliate’s spending in line” since the fall builds are under the supervision of the schools building them and the winter months are a down time for the position.

The construction manager is in charge of securing build permits, working with the volunteers, office/paperwork duties and site preparation.

TCF Bank employees help fund kitchen

When Tiffany Hatfield and her two sons enjoy a dinner cooked in their new Saginaw Habitat home at 1822 Burnham, they can give thanks to hundreds of TCF Bank employees across the state of Michigan.

The TCF Employee Funds program awarded \$5,000 to Saginaw Habitat, and the affiliate decided to put that money toward the Saginaw Career Complex fall build on Burnham.

“Cameron (Brady) told us that’s around the cost to equip a kitchen for a Habitat home,” says Randy Finkbeiner, the maintenance supervisor for the TCF branches in the Saginaw area, “so that is what we are saying we are funding with this money.”

Finkbeiner, a resident of the city of Saginaw, is serving his second term on the TCF Employee Funds Committee, which is a part of the TCF Foundation.

That committee meets quarterly in Ann Arbor to award non-profit health and human services agencies project funds. The Saginaw Habitat grant was

part of a \$33,000 package awarded in June.

As Finkbeiner explains it, four years ago TCF began its own internal employee donations program. Employees donate either through payroll deductions or a single contribution, which the parent company then matches dollar for dollar.

“The committee which awards the money is comprised of TCF employees from all levels of jobs and from our branches around the state. And it is TCF employees who recommend who will get the funds, often for groups they work with as volunteers or by serving on their boards. Sometimes, too, we respond to a local disaster, or a human interest story we heard about.”

The grant applications are reviewed, and the awards are for between \$500 and \$5,000—which means Saginaw Habitat received a maximum grant. It also received \$3,000 from the TCF Employee Funds in 2003.

“Our fund is all volunteer-driven,

which means 100 percent of what is donated by the employees is given out.”

All TCF banks in the corporation participate in the program, Finkbeiner says, but the committee/awards structure is state based—meaning funds raised in Michigan stay in Michigan.

In the past, other local groups receiving TCF Employee Funds include Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Saginaw Community Foundation, Saginaw Community Village, The Good Samaritan and the Saginaw County Veterans Memorial Plaza in Hoyt Park.

Also receiving money this past June, along with Saginaw Habitat, was the American Red Cross chapter in Saginaw, the Michigan chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, the Oakland Literacy Fund, the Faith in Action group aiding low income women and children in Washtenaw County, scholarship money for Raven Youth Football in Oakland County, and the Joan Banfield Foundation in Dexter for middle school athletics.



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\$25,000 from out of the blue

Saginaw Habitat was one of four Habitat affiliates in Michigan receiving a \$25,000 check from the Cities of Promise program, an initiative by the governor's office.

"It came as a blessing and will be used to help build the Saginaw Career Complex home this fall (at 1822 Burnham)," says executive director Paul Warriner. "It's just perfect for us." The MSHDA funds were aimed at Habitat houses rising between Sept. 15 and the middle of next May. Flint, Detroit and Benton Harbor were the other three cities receiving the funds.

Yes, that is a garage at 3280 Bluebird

Since its formation, Saginaw Habitat for Humanity builds have not included garages. Sheds, yes, but no garages.

This fall, however, the house rising at 3280 Bluebird in Bridgeport will include a one-car garage.

"We got the property at a DNR (Department of Natural Resources) auction," reports Saginaw Habitat executive

director Paul Warriner, "only to find out later the subdivision rules where the property is located require a garage. That was something new and it required board approval."

From now on, he says, Saginaw Habitat will check before it buys auction property.

Habitat Int'l board member aboard crashed plane

Pat Smith, a member of Habitat for Humanity's International Board of Directors, was among the 49 people who died in the recent crash of Flight 5191 near Lexington, Ky.

The Atlanta-bound Comair Delta flight apparently used the wrong runway, one that was too short, for takeoff.

Smith was on his way to join Habitat volunteers from Kentucky in Gulfport, Miss., where 13 houses are under construction. Led by Smith, the group has been active in Gulf Coast rebuilding efforts since Hurricane Katrina devastated the area in 2005—just as they were in rebuilding projects in India following the 2004 tsunami. He was named Habitat volunteer of the year in 2003.

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